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Mr. King has been a collector for a great number of years and his good taste will be best understood by looking over the following list of artists of which his collection is composed.

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All of the New York Art Dealers will be glad to give any information about the pictures in this collection, as to quality and market values, or attend to orders to purchase at this sale.

Mr. SAM. P. AVERY, Jr., will assist in the management.

Philatelists were present in goodly numbers at the Hunter sale last month when some good prices were realized, especially for carriers' stamps. There were newspaper, unpaid letter, telegraph and local stamps, wrappers, envelopes and plate numbers, which, while rare, are stamps, wrappers, envelopes and plate numbers, which, while rare, are not so much desired by collectors and do not bring such good prices as postage stamps. One postage stamp brought \$1710. This is the largest sum any stamp has ever brought in this country at auction. It was the gem of Mr. Hunter's collection—a specimen of the first issue of British Guiana in 1850. It is of the two-cent denomination, printed in black on a pink ground, and without perforations. Postmaster's in the colony in those days having to separate one stamp from the other in a sheet with scissors. This specimen—a "blue rose" of philately—was bought by Mr. Hunter at the De Coppet sale several years ago for \$1010, so that he realized a good profit on his investment. It is said, however that \$2500 was offered privately by a foreign collector for the stamp, of which only one other specimen is known to exist.

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A British Guiana four-cent stamp of the issue of 1856 brought \$435; a Confederate stamp of Greenwood of the ten-cent denomination, \$220; \$105 was given for a Confederate Nashville ten-cent stamp, \$120 for a proprietary five-dollar stamp of 1871, and \$108 for a five-hundred-dollar revenue stamp of the second United States issue. A two-hundred-dollar stamp of the same issue was bought for \$64. A Confederate Spartanburg five-cent stamp brought \$44, and a Tellico Plains five-cent stamp \$60. A fifteen-cent stamp brought \$44, and a Tellico Plains five-cent stamp of 1869 was sold for \$75. A horizontal pair of twenty-four-cent stamps bearing the date of 1809, for \$121, and \$380 for a blue and carmine stamp issued in 1869.

Other sales were: Ten Baltimore carriers' stamps, 1851; horseman, one cent black, restored sheet of ten varieties, containing block of four and pair, uncancelled, \$48. Baltimore, one-cent red, on white paper, original cover. cancelled, \$44. Boston, 1849, one-cent black, very rare, \$1. New York, 1842-'46, City Dispatch Post, used provisionally, United States Duty Dispatch Post, on original cover, uncancelled, \$50. New York, thee-cent rose, on original cover, fine copy, \$165. New York, type C29, one-cent blue glazed, on original cover, lightly cancelled, \$41. Philadelphia, 0ne-cent blue glazed, on original cover, lightly cancelled, \$41. Philadelphia, 1849-'50, type C28, one-cent rose, letter S, cut close at sides, on original cover, but uncancelled, \$26. Boston, 1849, two-cent black, care, \$51. Baltimore, one cent red, on white paper, original cover, \$44, uncancelled.

Among the Japanese art objects imported by the Yamanaka firm and

Among the Japanese art objects imported by the Yamanaka firm and sold at auction last month there were a few numbers which show the prevalent prices of these articles de vertu.

A sixfold screen by Tsunenobu, dated 1688, brought \$42.50. A pair of sixfold screens by Sanraku Kano, date 1596, were sold for \$240; a sixfold screen by Utanosuke Kano, date 1532, for \$152.50; a sixfold screen by Veizan, eighteenth century, for \$72.50; a temple lantern, green bronze, with open-work casting in design of Tokugawa crests and Ho-O birds and with the Dog Foo in high relief on eight panels on its base, for \$95, and a pair of white glaze vases, teakwood stand, for \$80

for \$80.

Further there were a mammoth bronze lantern which sold for \$500; a pair of eightfold screens by Chiyo Ouo, 1547, for \$00 apiece; a bronze figure of "Sizo," with sceptre, standing on lotus flower pedestal, for \$100; a prand jar, with Ho-O birds and peach tree in blossom, in many rich colors on soft white glaze, for \$160, and an old bronze fount, green patina, lotus-shaped, for \$115.

The Japanese prints of the Brinkley and Couder collection, sold at the same time, brought from five to thirty dollars each.

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The Mosler pictures sold at the American Art Association on the

The Mosler pictures sold at the American Art Association on the 18th of January brought comparatively low prices, only a few reaching the studio figures. Some of the watercolors went for as low as \$20, and the sketches fared little better, only the more important compositions running into the four figures. The principal numbers went as follows:

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36. "Normandy Milkmaid" (23×17) — ** ** ** **

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*The Broken Sabot" (28×38) — ** **

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*The Ghost Story" (28×38) — ** **

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*The Picknell paintings sold at the Fifth Avenue Art Galleries brought

The Picknell paintings sold at the Fifth Avenue Art Galleries brought far better prices. No picture was sold below \$100, while the highest price attained was \$2025.

The titles, with sizes and prices of the more important numbers, are

as	follows:	
2.	"A Grey Morning (24x18)	\$650
20.	"Hamlet of Trapier" (35x26)	425
27.	"Midwinter, Florida" (36x26)	390
44.	"Nearing Sunset" (43x31)	550
44. 48.	"Springtide" (44x35)	425
49.	"Man in a Boat" (54x36)	. 850
50.	"Fbbing Tide" (71x52)	400
51.	"In California" (66x49)	2025
52.	"Morning on the Littoral" (71x52)	500
57.	"Springtime, Autibes" (44x38)	400
71.	"Ste. Marguerite" (sur mer) (54x42)	900
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Some engravings of the works by Sir E. Landseer were recently sold in London, the prices ranging from 30 to 80 guineas.



Union League Club, New York, Jan. 20, 1900.

Mr. Preyer:

DEAR SIR:—I think it is probable that the Sir Joshua Reynold's "Mrs. Barrington as St. Cecilia," is the picture now in the gallery of the Lexon Library.

C. B. CURTIS.

Buffalo, N. Y.

To the Editor of The Collector and Art Critic:

My Dear Sir:—You make mention in the last number of the "Twelve Landscape Painters." Would you mind letting me know whom you consider the twelve best landscape painters in America? Yours truly,

January 19, 1900.

G. W. Benson.

Reference was made to the artists which exhibited as a group at the American Art Association last spring.

To give a list of the twelve best landscape painters in America only those living to-day will be considered, and furthermore in giving this list I only follow individual and personal judgment, to my own liking the best. I would consider alphabetically: C. H. Davis, Charles Melville Dewey, Winslow Homer, R. C. Minor, Tom. Moran, J. Francis Murphy, Leonard Ochtman, Arthur Parton, Julian Rix, R. M. Shurtleff, D. W. Tryon, J. Alden Weir.

Blakelock, who should be comprised in this list, is unfortunately dead to the world

A few men come very close to some above mentioned. For instance: George H. Bogert, W. A. Coffin, F. De Haven, Harry Eaton, Ben. Foster, F. W. Kost, John T. Twachtman. And yet some others might

be mentioned.



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